

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 8 to 10, 12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wright (US 3,810,055). Claims 2, 6, 7, 13 to 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Koga (US 5,424,815). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Bain (US 5,038,680). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Friedrichs (DE 10147486). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright in view of Albus (US 2001/0045166).

The specification has been amended. Support is found for example in [0023] and [0025].

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 8 to 10, 12 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Wright (US 3,810,055).

Wright shows a flexible strip of magnetic material wound around a cylinder between grooves. This is similar to the prior art described in [0004] and [005] which describe the disadvantages of forming such grooves such as the required milling.

In light of this, the present specification and claims describe a magnetizable coating 16, which is a material capable of forming a continuous film over a surface. See McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Terms (“any material that will form a continuous film over a surface.”)

The preformed permanent magnetic strip of material in Wright cannot form a continuous film. **In addition, even under the dictionary.com definition proffered by the Office Action, “a layer of a substance spread over a surface for protection or decoration,” the flexible strip of Wright is not a coating. The strip in Wright is not spread, defined by dictionary.com as to be extended or enlarged, but rather inserted.** Also neither the magnetic strip or Wright nor the coating of the present invention is “for protection or decoration” as in the dictionary.com definition, so this definition is not applicable.

It is respectfully submitted that the flexible strip of magnetic material in Wright is not a coating.

Withdrawal of the rejections with respect to claims 1, 8 to 10, 12 and 16 under Wright is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

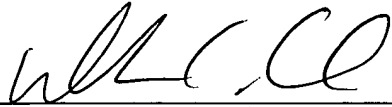
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In view of the comments with respect to Wright above, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,
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